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CATTLE ON FEED

ARIZONA

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Arizona feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 239,000 head as of August 1, 2015. The latest inventory was virtually the same as last month's inventory of 240,000 head but 9 percent below August 1, 2014. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 22,000 head of fed cattle during July 2015, down 12 percent from the previous month and down 15 percent from the July 2014 marketings. An estimated 23,000 head of cattle and calves were placed on feed during July 2015, 18 percent below last month but no change from the July 2014 placements. Other disappearance for July 2015 was 2,000 head, 1,000 head above last month but 5,000 head below last year.

UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.0 million head on August 1, 2015. The inventory was 3 percent above August 1, 2014. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.55 million head, 1 percent below 2014. Net placements were 1.49 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 365,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 235,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 327,000 head, and 800 pounds and greater were 620,000 head. Placements are the lowest for July since the series began in 1996.Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.73 million head, 3 percent below 2014. Marketings are the lowest for July since the series began in 1996.Other disappearance totaled 56,000 head during July, 11 percent below 2014.

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